

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hideyuki NAITO *et al.*
Serial Number : Continuation-in-part application of
: U.S. Serial No. 10/167,615, filed June 13, 2002
Filed : January 6, 2004 (herewith)
For : APPARATUS FOR BINDING BOOT TO BASE PLATE
: FOR SNOWBOARD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 6, 2004

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth on the attached sheets.